

Otto Weininger Quotes

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The fixed stars signify the angel in man. That is why man orients himself by them; and that is why women have no appreciation for the starry sky; because they have no sense of the angel in man.

~Otto Weininger

No men who really think deeply about women retain a high opinion of them; men either despise women or they have never thought seriously about them.

~Otto Weininger

In those rare individual cases where women approach genius they also approach masculinity.

~Otto Weininger

Every true, eternal problem is an equally true, eternal fault; every answer an atonement, every realisation an improvement.

~Otto Weininger

The genius which runs to madness is no longer genius.

~Otto Weininger

The deepest, the intelligible, part of the nature of man is that part which does not take refuge in causality, but which chooses in freedom the good or the bad.

~Otto Weininger

It is not the fear of death which creates the desire for immortality, but the desire for immortality which causes the fear of death.

~Otto Weininger

Woman, in short, has an unconscious life, man a conscious life, and the genius the most conscious life.

~Otto Weininger

But the higher a man mounts, the greater may be his fall; all genius is a conquering of chaos, mystery.

~Otto Weininger

An individual's arrogance is always in proportion to his lack of self-assurance.

~Otto Weininger

Among the notable things about fire is that it also requires oxygen to burn - exactly like its enemy, life. Thereby are life and flames so often compared.

~Otto Weininger

The great man of science, unless he is also a philosopher, ... deserves the title of genius as little as the man of action.

~Otto Weininger

The Jew is an inborn Communist.

~Otto Weininger

A man is first reverent about himself, and self-respect is the first stage in reverence for all things.

~Otto Weininger

A man is himself important precisely in proportion that all things seem important to him.

~Otto Weininger

Everything evil is revenge.

~Otto Weininger

Genius declares itself to be a kind of higher masculinity.

~Otto Weininger

Fate determines many things, no matter how we struggle.

~Otto Weininger

Logic and ethics are fundamentally the same, they are no more than duty to oneself

~Otto Weininger

To understand a man is really to be that man.

~Otto Weininger

Talent is hereditary; it may be the common possession of a whole family (eg, the Bach family); genius is not transmitted; it is never diffused, but is strictly individual.

~Otto Weininger

The number of different aspects that the face of a man has assumed may be taken almost as a physiognomical measure of his ... genius.

~Otto Weininger

Not only virtue, but also insight, not only sanctity but also wisdom, are the duties and tasks of mankind.

~Otto Weininger

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